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## SOVIET ARMY SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION

## A. SOVIET ARMY SUPPLY

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2. Rear Services and Supply Procedure

the word "rear" meant any area behind the front line troops.

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the section leader was responsible for all supplies. He drew them directly from the regimental clothing and equipment (OVS - Obozno veshchevogo snabzheniya) warehouse and the regimental ration (PFS - Prodovalstvenno furazhnogo snabzheniya) dump.

In each battery the first sergeant maintained a small supply room for issue of expendables such as soap, toilet paper, brooms, and brushes. He was responsible to the battery CO for receiving other equipment and supplies from the regimental clothing and equipment warehouse.

each regiment had an OVS warehouse and a PFS warehouse headed by an officer.

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there was a Chief of Rear Services and Supply at division level. the Chief of Rear Services and Supply was responsible for all supply of the 23d AAA Div

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3. Evacuation

a. one hour of first aid training prior to induction. additional first aid training during basic training

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d. Each regiment of the 23d AAA Div. had a dispensary and medical unit. There was also a dispensary at division headquarters. All the dispensaries and medical units were responsible to the senior medical officer of the division, a lieutenant colonel.

The medical unit of the 64th AAA Regt, 23d AAA Div, was commanded by a major, assisted by a senior lieutenant, lieutenant, and an unknown number of EM.

The medical unit of the 36th AAA Regt, 23d AAA Div, was commanded by a major, assisted by a captain and an unknown number of EM. In addition this regiment had a dentist who was a captain. He was equipped to do normal dental work.

[redacted] officers and EM were in the remaining two regimental dispensaries and medical units of the 23d AAA Div.

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Each dispensary had a few beds to accept patients who were not seriously ill. All operations and serious cases were transferred to a military hospital in STAMMERSDORF (4818N-1624E). Sick call was held after duty hours.

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f. There were approximately 30 female Soviet soldiers serving as nurses in the hospital in STAMMERSDORF. They were all privates or privates first class. Soviet female civilians were also employed in the hospital. One woman, a senior lieutenant, was a feldsher. She was the operating room assistant.

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g. [redacted] officers in the hospital:

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CO	Col. (fnu) BELOV
CO, Med Sec	Col. (fnu) AVDEYEV
CO, Surgical Ward	Lt. Col. (fnu) BOGDANOVSKIY
Chief Surgeon	Maj. (fnu) KOZHEVNIKOV

Each department of the hospital was headed by an officer.

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#### 4. Soviet Army Supply In Austria

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Each regiment had a ration section and a clothing and equipment section.

[redacted]  
logistical support came from units of the division. All rations were picked up at the 36th AAA Regt. Ration Point by the first sergeant [redacted]. All clothing and equipment were drawn from the 64th AAA Regt. Clothing and Equipment Warehouse.

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The 36th AAA Regt. had only one mess hall, so the 36th AAA Regt. Ration Point made only one distribution to the regiment. The troops of Div. Hq., 23d AAA Div., also had one mess

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hall which drew rations from the 36th AAA Regt. Ration Point. The 64th AAA Regt. had one mess hall which drew rations from the 64th AAA Regt. Ration Point.

The 64th AAA Regt. had a large POL storage area. The 64th AAA Regt., 36th AAA Regt., and Div. Hq., 23d AAA Div., each had a gas pump within their area, but the POL storage area was apparently used by all three units.

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Gasoline was stored near the section building in drums similar to US 55-gal drums. Other smaller containers were used for oil containers

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The 64th AAA Regt. also kept stocks of coal and wood for heating purposes for the 64th AAA and 36th AAA Regts, and Div. Hq., 23d AAA Div.

there was an ammunition dump for units in KORNEUBURG about 1 1/2 km. southwest of town.

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The ammunition was stored in a small brick building which could be seen from the road.

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all the ammunition was stored in this brick building. There was a guard and an AAA MG with crew guarding the area.

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G. [redacted] an emergency ration called "NZ" (Nepriko-snovennyye Zapasi)

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it was common knowledge that each regiment of the 23d AAA Div had a chemical storeroom

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sufficient medical supplies existed in the hospital in STAMMERSDORF.

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5. Unit Supply and Maintenance

a. See also subpar A4b. It was approximately three-fourths of a kilometer [ ] to the 36th AAA Regt. supply points and four kilometers to the 64th AAA Regt. supply points. [ ] a US-made 3/4-ton Dodge truck and occasionally a US-made 1 1/2-ton Ford truck to pick up rations, clothing, and POL products and to make deliveries and pickups of laundry and articles sent to the shoe repair and tailor shops.

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[ ] Laundry was picked up and delivered weekly. Rations were drawn two or three times weekly.

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Regimental supply levels were maintained by motor transport [ ]

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c. Vehicles of the regiments and division headquarters were used to move supplies to regiments and to division headquarters. [ ] a US-made 3/4-ton Dodge truck and a Ford truck.

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d. [ ] three vehicles; an Opel-Kapitan passenger car, a US-made 1 1/2-ton Ford truck and a US-made 3/4-ton Dodge truck. The Opel and the Ford truck belonged to the Directorate of Counterintelligence and the Dodge truck belonged to the 23d AAA Div.

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e. There was no horse-drawn transportation [ ] in the 23d AAA Div.

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f. [ ] Several drums were drawn at once and stored in the yard outside the section. Gasoline drums were similar to US 55-gal. drums.

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h. In addition to foreign vehicles [ ] (see subpar A5d, above) there were many US-made Studebaker trucks in each regiment of the 23d AAA Div.

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[ ] approximately four or five US-made Ford 1 1/2-ton trucks and 3/4-ton Dodge trucks in both the 36th AAA and 64th AAA Regts.

The largest percentage of transport vehicles in the regiments of the 23d AAA Div. were Soviet GAZ-63. These served as transports and prime movers of the AAA pieces. Occasionally a Studebaker truck was used as a prime mover of AAA pieces.

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j. Unit vehicles were sent to the division repair shops in STOCKERAU (4823N-1613E) for other than first echelon maintenance. [ ] all ordnance equipment of the 23d AAA Div was also repaired there.

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Individual clothing and equipment [ ] was taken to the 64th AAA Regt. Clothing and Equipment (OVS) Warehouse for replacement or repair. A tailor shop and shoe repair shop were maintained there.

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k. All the AAA guns [ ] in the 23d AAA Div. were on blocks, with the exception of two or three that were used for training purposes. In the 36th AAA Regt, the AAA guns were on blocks and under tarpaulins. In the 64th AAA Regt, the AAA guns were stored on blocks inside buildings.

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Ammunition was stored in an area approximately one kilometer southwest of KORNEUBURG (see subpar A4b).

#### 6. Supply and Maintenance of Individual Equipment

a. [ ] items at the basic training center:

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<u>Quan</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Description and Remarks</u>
1	Pullover tunic (Gymnastyorka)	Cotton	Khaki	[ ] one was exchanged every six months. New was for dress, old used as service uniform.
1 pr.	Breeches (Sharovary)	Cotton	Khaki	"
1 pr.	Boots	Cowhide	Black	To be exchanged every eight months.
2 pr.	Footwraps (Summer)	Cotton	White	Exchanged for clean set every Saturday.
1 set	Underwear (Summer)	Cotton	White	"

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<u>Quan</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Description and Remarks</u>
1	Overseas cap	Cotton	Khaki	Exchanged in winter for flannel cap.
1	Overcoat	Wool and Cotton	Khaki	
1	Towel	Cotton	White	None
1 set	Shoulderboards			None
1	Belt for tunic	Cowhide	Tan	None
1	Belt for trousers	Web or leather	Tan	None

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In addition to the above, the following organizational equipment was issued and returned upon transfer:

<u>Quan</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Description and Remarks</u>
2	Bed sheets	Cotton	White	Exchanged for clean set every Saturday.
2	Pillow cases	Cotton	White	"
1	Blanket	Flannel	Light blue	None
1	Mattress	Cotton		None

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<u>Quan</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Description and Remarks</u>
1	Short coat (Bushlat)	Cotton	Khaki	Used for work uniform.
1 set	Winter underwear	Flannel	White	Exchanged each Saturday for clean set.
2 pr	Footwraps (Winter)	Flannel	White	"
1 pr	Gloves	Flannel	Khaki	None
1	Rucksack	Cotton	Khaki	Contained messgear, canteen.

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b. All ammunition was kept under lock and key and issued only for guard duty as needed. There was no particular unit of fire.

c. The typical year-round ration was:

Breakfast

Gruel or mush  
Tea  
Two lumps sugar  
Bread - unlimited

Dinner

Soup or borsht  
Herring stew  
Potatoes  
Bread - unlimited

Supper

Gruel or soup  
1/3 of a herring  
Potatoes  
Tea  
Two lumps sugar  
Bread - unlimited

There was no deviation from the above on holidays.  
never any milk, eggs, butter, fruits, or coffee  
Vegetables were always used for the soup and were not served in any other manner.

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d. Clothing allowances for EM are shown in subpar F1,

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e. clothing torn or damaged was taken by the section sergeant to the 64th AAA Regt Clothing and Equipment Warehouse. If it was salvageable, the tailors made repairs. If not, a serviceable (not new) item was issued until the normal exchange period came about. Footgear was also taken there for repair or for exchange.

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h. There was a PX in each regiment and one in the Div Hq, 23d AAA Div. prices on the following articles

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Item

Watches

Small rugs

Leather boots

Belt, soldiers'

Safety razor (plastic)

Safety razor (metal)

Price in Austrian  
Schillings

100 - 930

165 - 500

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Manufacture</u>	<u>Price in Austrian Schillings</u>
Straight razor		50
Electric razor		270
Toilet soap		1.80 - 3
Shoulderboards, EM		10
Shoulderboards, Office		25
Leather overcoat		1300
Leather jacket		500 - 600
Cigarettes (Sever)	Russian	2 per pack

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i. In the USSR a Soviet private received 30 rubles per month. In Austria, a Soviet male private received 40 schillings per month. If he was a member of the Komsomol Organization, 0.65 schillings were drawn from his pay as dues. There were no other deductions.

[redacted] in addition to their pay in Austrian schillings a certain amount was automatically deposited in their account in a USSR bank.

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Soviet EW who worked in the Officers' Mess, Div. Hq, 23d AAA Div, received 1300 schillings per month. In addition an unknown sum was deposited in their account in a USSR bank. Soviet EW with the rank of private first class who worked as nurses in the military hospital in STAMMERSDORF received 600 - 800 schillings per month. In addition an unknown sum was deposited in their account in a USSR bank.

The tremendous discrepancies in pay were an unusually violent source of complaint by Soviet male privates.

j. The Soviet military personnel [redacted] were paid during the middle of the month. There was no ceremony involved. The soldiers came to the section leader, who was acting first sergeant, signed a payroll, and received their money. The sergeant received the money from the Division Finance Officer, 23d AAA Div.

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## B: SOVIET ARMY TRANSPORTATION

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**2. Rail Movement**

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c. [redacted]  
practices:

information on car loading

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(1) [redacted] T-34 and JS-3 tanks were side-loaded whenever possible.

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(2) [redacted] a side loading method was the fastest, provided that stations had loading platforms the height of a flat car so that heavy equipment could be driven directly on a flat car.

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[redacted] In the USSR every freight depot had solid reinforced concrete platforms to facilitate the loading of both military and civilian heavy equipment by the side loading method.

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(3) [redacted] it was impossible to load more than one tank of any type on a flat car because a flat car was too weak to support the weight.

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d. [redacted] every large station in the USSR had its own rolling stock in large reserve quantities.

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f. At GHOP (4825N-2211E)

[redacted]  
There was no cargo to be reloaded.

[redacted] saw no evidence of construction to indicate any plans to accommodate both types of rolling stock.

**3. Motor Transport**

[redacted] motor transport was widely used by the Soviets to move men and material short distances only; that is, less than 50 - 70 km. All heavy equipment, even though self-powered, was moved by rail almost exclusively. It was cheaper, and was the only manner in which a majority of heavier equipment could be moved.

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